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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 16, 1998

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth A. Cheadle at 7:35 p.m. on March 16, 1998 at Temescal Canyon Conference & Retreat Center, Stewart Hall, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jerome Daniel, Scott Erickson, John Hisserich, Michael Berger, and Elizabeth Cheadle. Quorum present. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Richard Sybert. The following members were absent: Steve Horn, Courtney Sakai, and Jeffrey Schwartz.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Kathy Caldwell, Arla Crane, Bonnie Carpenter, George Lange, Don Robinson, Alan Kishbaugh, Colleen Briner-Schmidt. Quorum not present at roll call. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Rick Putnam, Dave Brown, David Green and Linda Palmer. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Chris Evans, Jeff Seymour, Lesley Devine, and Kenneth Warner.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Deputy Director; Reva Concoff, Chief of Staff; Laurie Collins, Senior Staff Counsel; Torrie Byers, Staff Counsel; Rorie Skei, Division Chief; Amy Lethbridge, Division Chief; Cynthia D'Agosta, Division Chief; John Diaz, Chief of Planning and Acquisition; Bonnie Kopp, Deputy Division Chief; Paul Edelman, Deputy Division Chief; Walt Young, Deputy Division Chief; Lisa Soghor,

Director of Design Services and Streisand Center; Bob Blumenfield, Director of Intergovernment Affairs; Dani Howard, Park Facilities Specialist and Maureen Ney, Board Secretary.

4. Election of Conservancy Officers

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, Elizabeth Cheadle was nominated as Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, nominations for Chairperson were closed.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Michael Berger was nominated as Vice Chairperson.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, nominations for Vice Chairperson were closed.

Ms. Cheadle and Mr. Berger were elected respectively as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Putnam arrived at this point.

5. Election of Advisory Committee Officers

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Colleen Briner-Schmidt was nominated as Chairperson of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

On motion of Ms. Briner-Schmidt, duly seconded, nominations for Chairperson of the Advisory Committee were closed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, Alan Kishbaugh was nominated as Vice-Chairperson of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee.

There being no further nominations, the nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee were closed.

Ms. Briner-Schmidt and Mr. Kishbaugh were elected respectively as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

6. Reports

The Conservancy received verbal reports from the Chair and Mr. Hisserich.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public

testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Lynn Plambeck, representing SCOPE, on Newhall Ranch.
Corin Kahn, individual, on the Mulholland Specific Plan.
Connie Maguire, representing the Palisades YMCA, on the Temescal Landslide.
Sean McDevitt, individual, on the Temescal Landslide.
Ilene Cassidy, individual, on the Temescal Landslide.
Philippa Murphy, individual, on the Temescal Landslide.
Corwin Davis, representing the Palisades YMCA, on the Temescal Landslide.
The Chairperson read additional comments from Abby Brennan on the Temescal Landslide.
Joyce Smith, individual, on the Temescal Landslide.
Sheila Jackson, individual, on the Temescal Landslide.
Larry Kaplan, individual, on the Temescal Landslide.
Abdy Khorramian, individual, on item 17.
Jeff Wilson, representing NBDHC Homeowners Association, on item 17.
Cliff Diamond, representing NBDHC Homeowners Association, on item 17.
Charles Weisenberg, representing NBDHC Homeowners Association, on item 17.
Jack Carter, representing NBDHC Homeowners Association, on item 17.
Bob Ashen, representing NBDHC Homeowners Association, on item 17.
Barbara Wampole, representing Friends of the Santa Clara River, on Newhall Ranch.
David Rinker, representing ETI Corral #12, on ROV Trail Corridor.
Gordon Murley, individual, on item 17.

8. Presentation by Oak Forest Canyon Task Force, Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association regarding 1) proposed Buckley School Expansion project and conditional use permit, Sherman Oaks and 2) exchange with Buckley School of Oak Forest Park and property at 3400 Coy Drive, Sherman Oaks.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to item 8:

Arnold Newman, individual.
Henry Lipson, SOHA Buckley School Committee.
Gordon Murley, President, Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations.
Barbara Case, individual.

The following individual spoke in support of item 8:

Dale Goldsmith, attorney, representing Buckley School, on item 8.

The Chair spoke regarding the presentation of item 8.

The Chair read additional public comments from Katie Twohy, Delmarie Carver, Rochelle Gilbert and David Riniker, representing ETI Corral #12 and the Sylmar Chamber of Commerce on items 10, 11 and 12.

9. Presentation and discussion of Upper Corral Canyon preliminary project plan, Malibu.

This item was tabled.

10. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of 20-acre open space donation, (APNs 2581-001-016,028,029), from Silver Oaks, LLC, Grapevine Canyon, Sylmar.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Green and Ms. Palmer arrived at this point.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-18.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-18 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

11. Consideration of resolution approving draft project plan for Wilson Canyon/Sylmar to United States Forest Service Trail, Sylmar.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing acquisition of a trail easement on Tract Map No. 45863 and acquisition of conservation or trail easements on APNs 2582-034-003,004, and 005 from Silver Oaks, LLC, Sylmar.

The Executive Director presented the staff reports for item 11 and item 12 jointly.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair and Mr. Robinson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 98-19 and 98-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, Resolutions numbered 98-19 and 98-20 were adopted.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Parcel Map No. 21951, 2621 North Stokes Canyon Road, Calabasas.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made to staff by Ms. Palmer and Mr. Brown.

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-21

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-21 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Notice of Preparation for California State University, Channel Islands, Camarillo.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Mr. Lange asked for the date of the letter to be corrected.

Comments were made to staff by Ms. Crane.

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made to staff by Ms. Briner Schmidt.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-22 as corrected.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Erickson.

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Begley.

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-22 was adopted as corrected.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

15. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Consultation for Conditional Use Permit Number 97-166, 25115 Mureau Road, Calabasas.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-23.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, Resolution No, 98-23 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

16. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept an approximately 55-acre conservation easement around the proposed Tierra Rejada golf course, Tierra Rejada Valley, Ventura County,

and authorizing transfer to the Conservancy.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Green.

Comments were made to staff by Ms. Carpenter.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-24.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Daniel.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-24 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter for proposed development, Hillcrest Drive and Franklin Canyon Drive, City of Los Angeles.

At 9:32 p.m., Mr. Sybert arrived.

At 9:40 p.m., Mr. Berger left the meeting.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Robinson.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Palmer.

On motion by Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of

Resolution No. 98-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Erickson.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-25 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 18. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to the City of Whittier for acquisition of +/- 102 acres, (APNs 8126-041-007,009,010) Hellman Park Addition, Whittier Hills.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion by Ms. Carpenter, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion by Mr. Erickson, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-26 was adopted.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

- 19. Legislation: discussion and possible action on the following bills: A.B. 1840, A.B. 1743, A.B. 1972 and S.B. 2010.**

The Executive Director presented S.B. 2010.

Comments were made to staff by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange and Ms. Carpenter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-27; Mr. Kishbaugh was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Hisserich.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Sybert.

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-27 was adopted. Mr. Sybert was recorded as abstaining.

The Executive Director presented A.B. 1840.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion by Ms. Crane, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-28. Mr. Lange was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

The Chair commented on A.B. 1840.

On motion by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-28 was approved.

The Executive Director presented A.B. 1743.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion by Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel.

On motion by Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-29 was adopted.

The Executive Director presented A.B. 1972.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion by Ms. Carpenter, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption

of Resolution No. 98-30. Mr. Lange was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

Comments were made by the Chair.

On motion by Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 98-30 was adopted. Mr. Sybert was recorded as abstaining.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

20. Minutes

No minutes were presented.

21. Closed Session.

The Executive Director announced that no closed session was necessary.

22. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

Mr. Putnam spoke regarding on Newhall Ranch and asked that a letter be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Conservancy in opposition of the current Newhall Ranch project and in support of the County of Ventura and the City of Santa Clarita.

Mr. Green asked for a closed session to be held in the next meeting regarding the Micor litigation.

Mr. Lange commented on the Division Reports.

Mr. Brown spoke regarding the Micor litigation.

Mr. Kishbaugh asked to have quorum calls made prior to each meeting.

Ms. Briner-Schmidt spoke regarding an upcoming fundraiser on May 31, 1998.

Mr. Daniel asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Allen Edwards.

Mr. Begley spoke regarding the Conservancy's position on Newhall Ranch.

23. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

Mr. Sybert requested that future meetings be held in the Ventura County area.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 20, 1998.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair in memory of Allen Edwards at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson